



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hyodo et al.
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For: CARBONACEOUS
PROTECTIVE LAYER,
MAGNETIC RECORDING
MEDIUM, PRODUCTION
METHOD THEREOF, AND
MAGNETIC DISK
APPARATUS
Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: Resan, Stevan A.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

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